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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
Presidents' Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT : Publication of Documents Furnished to the Commission by the Central Intelligence Agency

REFERENCE : Mr. Rankin's letter, dated 24 August 1964, to Richard Helms

1. I approve the publication of the following documents supplied to the Commission by the Central Intelligence Agency and listed in Attachment A of reference.

a) Commission Document #1182. Letter from Thomas H. Karamessines, dated 8 February 1964, relative to information concerning a Soviet weapon mentioned in one of OSWALD's documents. CE-2770

b) Commission Document #1201. Memorandum from Richard Helms, dated 1 July 1964, subject "Lee Harvey OSWALD's Arrival Time in Helsinki on October 10, 1959." — CE 2677

2. I would have no objection to the publication of five other documents on the list if they are first modified:

a) Commission Document #347. Memorandum from Richard Helms, dated 31 January 1964, with attached information developed by CIA on the activities of Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City, 28 September - 3 October 1963.

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The section of this attachment that is of immediate interest to the Commission contains certain information relative to intelligence methods used which should not be placed in the public domain. Accordingly, I suggest the use of the revised version of this section forwarded as Attachment A. CE 2764

b) Commission Document #708. Memorandum from Richard Helms with attached reply to questions, dated 6 April 1964, relative to details of defector cases and Soviet operational methods, which I feel should not be publicly disclosed. In its place I suggest the use of the memorandum forwarded herewith as Attachment B. CE 2762

c) Commission Document #1356. Memorandum from Richard Helms, dated 7 August 1964, relative to Soviet hunting societies. The last paragraph of this memorandum should be deleted from the published version. A copy of the memorandum with this modification is forwarded as Attachment C. CE 2761

d) Commission Document #1358. Memorandum from Richard Helms, dated 31 July 1964, concerning the apparent time required to obtain Soviet tourist visas which discloses the methods used to obtain this information and the sources from which it was obtained. It is preferable that this data not be revealed. I suggest, instead, the use of a revised version of this memorandum, forwarded herewith as Attachment D. CE 2763

3. The remaining documents on the list, which are described below, should not be published:

a) Commission Document #1041. Memorandum from Richard Helms relative to allegations concerning an intelligence training school in Minsk, USSR, dated 5 June 1964. This document will be replaced with a new memorandum containing the same information and some additional details. The new memorandum may be published by the Commission if it desires to do so.

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b) Commission Document #1273. Memorandum from Richard Helms, dated 22 July 1964, relative to apparent inconsistencies in material furnished the Commission by CIA and the Department of State. This document was intended only as an amplification and explanation of information included in Mr. Helms' memorandum for 6 April 1964 (CD #708), which had been discussed in detail with Mr. Slawson of your staff by a representative of this Agency on 9 July.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachments - as stated

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